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The Elizabeth A. Brinn Foundation Contributes \$100,000 Towards Capital Campaign

The Elizabeth A. Brinn Foundation approved a commitment to the Running Rebels Capital Campaign of \$100,000 - \$50,000 this year and \$50,000 next year. We greatly appreciate Mr. Richard Wiederhold for his support of our project.

The Running Rebels Community Organization's Capital Campaign is currently underway. The plans have been unveiled for the rehabilitation of their current location where they have been operating since 1999, but have only recently purchased. Plans include new office areas, expanded recreational facilities, an updated computer lab and library, an auditorium and gymnasium.

The renovation was kicked-off with the roof replacement that was donated by Centimark. Stephen Perry Smith Architects have donated \$80,000 worth of architectural design work, NAI MLG Commercial has donated their marketing and graphic design expertise for the production of the Capital Campaign materials, and Karen Ottson & Associates has donated \$40,000 in consulting fees. An outdoor basketball area has also been donated, thanks to MLG Management.

For information on how you can donate to the Capital Campaign, or to schedule a tour of the facility, please contact Victor or Dawn Barnett at (414) 264-8222. **OUR YOUTH DESERVE THIS FACILITY!** Our goal is \$4.2M, so we have a long way to go. Large and small cash donations are appreciated. If you are in the trades and would be interested in lending us your expertise, please call the above number as well.

Running Rebels is proud to announce that we have received operations grants from the following foundations: Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation-\$45,000, Jane Pettit Foundation-\$10,000, and the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation-\$25,000. We also extend thanks to Midland Contractors of Watertown, Carol and David Jackson, Barb and John Findley, Nora and Ken Rader, Amy and Gary Delzell, and the Charles D. Jacobus Family foundation. Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude go to these generous contributors.

Possible Solutions to Decrease Our City's Crime

Many of us have reached a point of extreme concern regarding Milwaukee's numerous incidents of crime and senseless violence. We call community meetings and discuss possible solutions constantly on talk shows and over the radio waves; but we still do not have the answer.

What we do know is that there are numerous possible solutions that all have merit and are deserving of consideration. It no longer makes sense for us to argue back and forth about whether the cause is poverty or the breakdown of the family unit; or whether it's because of hopelessness or lack of educational opportunity. Many feel that drugs and alcohol are to blame while others link our problems to political injustice. The fact of the matter is; these are all legitimate areas of concern that deserve our attention.

When we discuss funding for youth programs, one thing has to become clear. Funding sources need to start increasing their funding to programs that address the needs of the city's most at-risk youth. Preventive programs are definitely needed, but funding for intervention programs must reach the agencies who are working on the front lines with these youth.

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Packer Backers Prepare

The season for the Green Bay Packer football team will be a long one, full of ups and downs. Be prepared as Farve and the gang once again attempt to pull a win out of this season.



DID YOU KNOW?

Stephon Marbury of the New York Knicks has introduced "Starbury", new quality tennis shoes with a retail price of \$14.95, designed to be affordable to youth and adults of all income levels.

What is Poverty?

2006 federal poverty guidelines

- \$ 13,200 Family of 2
- \$ 16,600 Family of 3
- \$ 20,000 Family of 4

27% of Milwaukee's residents live in poverty

Say 'No' to Cruising, Say 'Yes' to Riding Legal in Slick Cars with 24's

By Job Harper

Scenario 1: Young adults are riding down the street in a 1988 Chevy Caprice classic, with 24 inch rims on it. Their music is up far too loud, two of the guys are hanging out the window, and the car is swerving from left to right. The police pull them over. Just doing their job. Bad decision by young adults.

Scenario 2: Three young adults are riding in the same car. Their music is at a reasonable level, they're driving the speed limit, and they even have their seatbelts on. The police pull them over.

Here's the problem: There is a difference between cruising and just driving a nice car. Many get the two confused. Cruising is often associated with a lot of negativity, such as violence and drug activity. What a lot of people don't realize, though, is that teens only "cruise" because they look forward to meeting new people, or they want to show-off their cars. So, rather than defining cruising as an *alternative* to negative behavior, it is often called "negative behavior".

It—"negative behavior"—is one of the biggest misconceptions about teens. Maybe a solution to get rid of this negative view of the word "cruising", is to just get rid of the word.

However, cruisers should understand that there is a time and place for everything. Cruising shouldn't involve driving up and down residents' sidewalks, "flashing", and stopping up traffic. That, again, would be negative behavior. Cruisers know better. Cruisers are better.

So the next time you see young adults in a nice car, don't be so quick to say that they're "cruising". Just roll your window down, get their attention, and say, "Hey, you're ridin' slick!"

Black Creativity

By Kendall Baer



James Cameron, the creator of America's Black Holocaust

Museum, died June 11th, 2006. He was 92.

The date of his funeral, June 19th, was selected by Corry Jo Biddle, the museum's new director, to commemorate Juneteenth Day.

Cameron planned the museum to explore the historical struggles of African-Americans from

slavery to today. He survived a near lynching in 1930.

Marissa Weaver, the head of the museum's board, said the BHM is now solvent.

Because of this, it was possible to acquire exhibits such as "Hateful Things: Objects from the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia", which ran through August 26th.



Trio Records

Trio Records, an independent record label in Milwaukee, is trying to do the impossible: bring several different music groups together.

This was evident at a release party this summer for several artists on the Trio label. Held at the Miramar Theatre, the release party included several artists

such as KB, Genesis, and DC Entertainment.

Trio is also looking to assist some artists with getting started in the music business. They have helped artists in the past like Lil' Dude, Lil' Jewel, Cincere and many others.

Call Trio management at (414) 788-5811 for more information. Milwaukee has a lot of talent, but we must work together to be successful.

Feature Page

My Job as Wraparound Youth Council President

By Virginia Johnson

Hi! My name is Virginia Johnson and I'm youth council president for Wraparound Milwaukee. My job as president is making sure kids enjoy being the kids we are.

At youth council, everyone is welcome, and it's my job to try to bring us together as a team to make the best at everything that we do. Wraparound Youth Council is a place for kids of any age or race. Everyone is treated fairly because in our eyes, every individual is special.

Call Wraparound at: (414) 257-7575

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29th St. Ballers Vs. Running Rebels

This past August, the 29th Street Ballers vs. Running Rebels Charity Softball game was more than a sporting event. Two community organizations came together for a common goal: to promote a positive event. Over 400 people attended, and \$3000—\$1500

from both organizations—was given to deserving youth.

Between the two organizations, over 5,000 youth lives have been affected in a positive way. Next year will be even a greater success. Thanks to Ald. Willie Wade, Mark Wade, Daryl Banks, Dell Williams, and Ald. Mike McGee. Thirty one years and still going strong.

POETRY

An excerpt from "The Path to Peace"
 By Dawn Barnett

"Do you practice the art of forgiveness?
 The words 'I forgive you' are not said for the benefit of the person who hurt or disappointed you. The words 'I forgive you' are said to bring cleansing to your soul. There is freedom in the releasing of negative energy and poisonous anger. Forgiveness brings peace."

"Don't You Let Nothin', Nothin'—Stand In Your Way."

- **McFadden & Whitehead**

"Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now"

My Point Exactly: Degrading, Yet Degradable

By Andre Burnett

You can't miss the familiar characters on these t-shirts: the Honey Smacks frog, Ernie and Bert, the Cheerios' bee, even "Fred Sanford" from the 70's comedy, "Sanford and Son". It's as you look a little bit closer when the trouble arises. Due to the content of some of the captions, I will stop short of stating what the t-shirts say, but that in itself should be enough to cause unease.

The most troubling thing is that these t-shirts and their merchants seek to attract our most vulnerable audience:

our youth, particularly young black males. Many attempts have been made by concerned citizens and the news media to get these shirts out of stores. However, it's up to the retailers to take the initiative to rid the racks of this degrading material.

This form of degradation is similar to the early 20th century's version of cartoon-ish characters "Little Black Sambo", "Mammy" and "Stepin Fetchit", over emphasized and exaggerated-featured characters intended to portray black people in a negative light. A recent visit to the America's Black Holocaust Museum where I viewed and read about these characters only confirmed and strengthened my disappointment in

this modern form of "Jim Crow".

Speaking as a black youth, I refuse to sport anything that characterizes me as anything less than a human being. I feel it is also my responsibility to inform my fellow youth that wearing these items feeds into the stereotypical base that is already inevitably embedded onto anyone with black or brown skin. The decision falls on the individual, though, to choose whether he or she wants to wear the item.

My hope and goal is that someone who shares my concern will relay this message, either in this article, or in their own words, to the culprits promoting these products, as well as the youth who purchase them. Eventually, our efforts can "wear out" this degrading industry, one shirt at a time.

Past Events

SUMMER EVENTS

Juneteenth Day (June 19th)

At this year's Juneteenth Day parade, the Running Rebels Community Organization once again set up a booth with merchandise, food and drinks, with the proceeds going to their various youth programs. On the Jammin 98.3 stage, Trio artist Sha'la, as well as artists with Rebel Life Entertainment were scheduled to perform.

Garfield Days (July 22nd)

Once again booths were lined with goodies such as t-shirts, homemade cookies and cake, as well as water and soda for the thirsty strollers. Community youth and adults lined the streets, picking up trash and assisting with security. Another great event!

4th Annual Summer of Peace Rally (July 28th)

Once again, the COA's efforts proved successful in bringing the community together to enjoy a day of violence-free fun. Rain didn't stop all who attended from enjoying some of Milwaukee's best talent.

African World Festival (Aug 5-7th)

Those who attended African World Festival were treated to a montage of talent which included artists from both Trio Records and Rebel Life Entertainment. Internationally known R&B artists Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly shook the Summerfest Grounds Friday night. Patrons were serenaded Saturday night by famed husband-and-wife duo Kindred the Family Soul.

Doing the Right Thing (Sept 8th)

The Milwaukee Urban League held its "Doing The Right Thing" program, which awarded youth doing positive things in the community.

MLK Back to School Festival (Aug 13th)

Thanks to the MLK Community Center and its sponsors, thousands of youth returned home with backpacks and supplies for this school year. They also enjoyed a full day of fun, which included food booths and a talent show featuring homegrown talent, ranging from youth onto adult categories.

National Judges Conference (July 16-19th)

By Jessica Turner

Milwaukee was the chosen city to host the 69th Annual Judges Conference held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Milwaukee. Approximately 600 people attended the event, including judges from around the nation specializing in family court and juvenile justices. Rebel Life Entertainment artists Smooth and Lady Je' blew the "Star Spangled Banner" away. Meeting adjourned.

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★ **DON'T FORGET:** Come check out our rummage items everyday during normal business hours (appliances, clothes, and more!) ★

Upcoming Events/Ways to Help (see our website for more details)

Friday, October 27th, 2006

Annual Scholarship/Awards Banquet

@ the Italian Community Center

631 E. Chicago St.

6:30pm-10:00pm

Tickets: \$30, or

\$15 for children 10 & under

Advertisements:

\$10-\$125 (**ads need to be received by October 10th!**)

Sponsorships:

\$375-\$750

A detailed banquet packet is available at our office or on our website

Ways to Help



CDs and T-shirts for sale

Running Rebels Community Organization sells CDs containing music from jazz to R&B to positive rap. Proceeds from each sale go to the various programs promoting youth entrepreneurship.

Pick-N-Save "We Care" Community Dollar Program

Request to add charity code **#678900** to your Pick-N-Save Advantage Plus Savers card and a portion of your purchase proceeds go to the Running Rebels.

Boston Store Community Day

Boston Store is holding their fall Community Day on Saturday, November 11th, 2006. We are currently selling coupon books for only \$5 each. Buy 5 and receive one free!

Brookfield Square Mall's Time of Giving

Brookfield Square is holding their Time of Giving sale on November 11th, 2006. We are currently selling \$5 tickets for the sale now. See the mall's or our website for more details.

United Way

Are you currently contributing to a charity through your employer? Just ask your employer if they are set up to contribute to the United Way, and let your employer know you would like to donate to charity **#65279**. The donation will be sent from the United Way to the Running Rebels.

Day Savings Time ends Sunday, October 29th, 2006. Also replace your smoke alarm batteries. No, don't take them out of your walkman. Get brand new batteries!